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SAY GOOD-NIGHT, TAILS!
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SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
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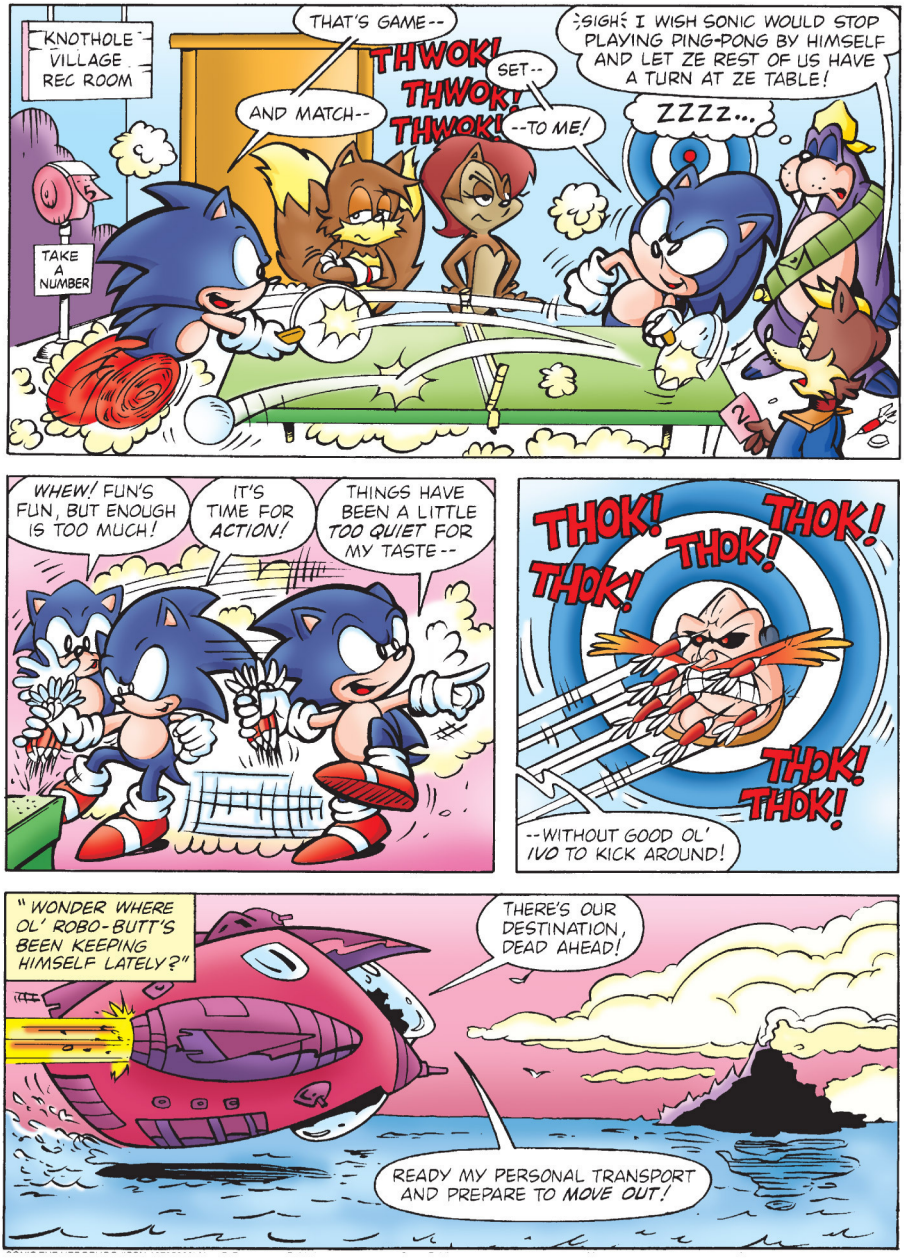
EEEEK!
WHERE DOES AN 800-TON ROBOT APE SLEEP, SONIC?
WHEREVER I TELL HIM TO, TAILS!
MANAK
D'AGOSTINO


KNOTHOLE VILLAGE REC ROOM
TAKE A NUMBER
THAT'S GAME--
AND MATCH--
THWOK! THWOK! THWOK!
SET--
--TO ME!
;SIGH; I WISH SONIC WOULD STOP PLAYING PING-PONG BY HIMSELF AND LET ZE REST OF US HAVE A TURN AT ZE TABLE!
ZZZZ...
WHEW! FUN'S FUN, BUT ENOUGH IS TOO MUCH!
IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!
THINGS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE TOO QUIET FOR MY TASTE--
THOK! THOK! THOK! THOK! THOK! THOK!
--WITHOUT GOOD OL' IVO TO KICK AROUND!
"WONDER WHERE OL' ROBO-BUTT'S BEEN KEEPING HIMSELF LATELY?"
THERE'S OUR DESTINATION, DEAD AHEAD!
READY MY PERSONAL TRANSPORT AND PREPARE TO MOVE OUT!

HAHAHAHAHA
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
WOULD NEVER THINK TO LOOK FOR US ON SKOAL ISLAND--
-- BUT SKOAL ISLAND IS EXACTLY WHERE WE NEED TO LOOK!
ONCE WE'VE FOUND WHAT WE'RE IN SEARCH OF--
WE CAN ENGAGE THE HATED HEDGEHOG IN A LITTLE ...
"GORILLA WARFARE" OR "THE APES OF WRATH" PART I
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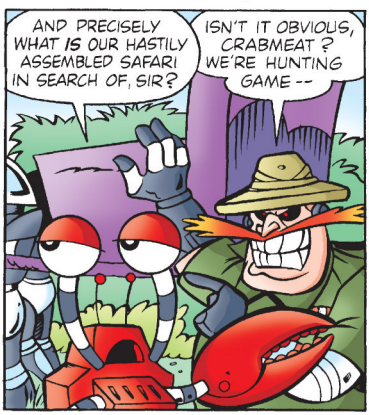
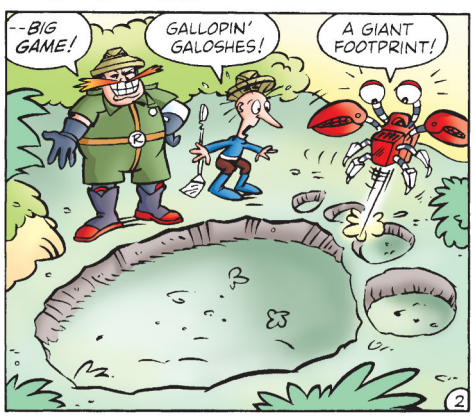
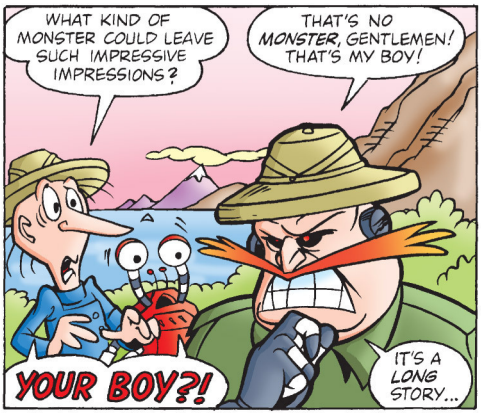
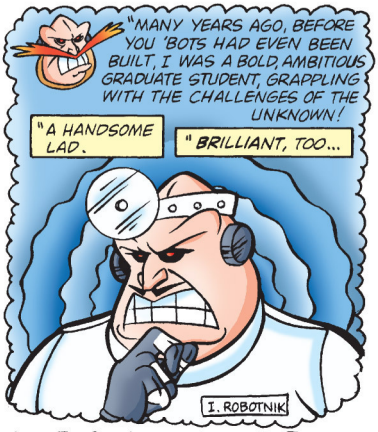
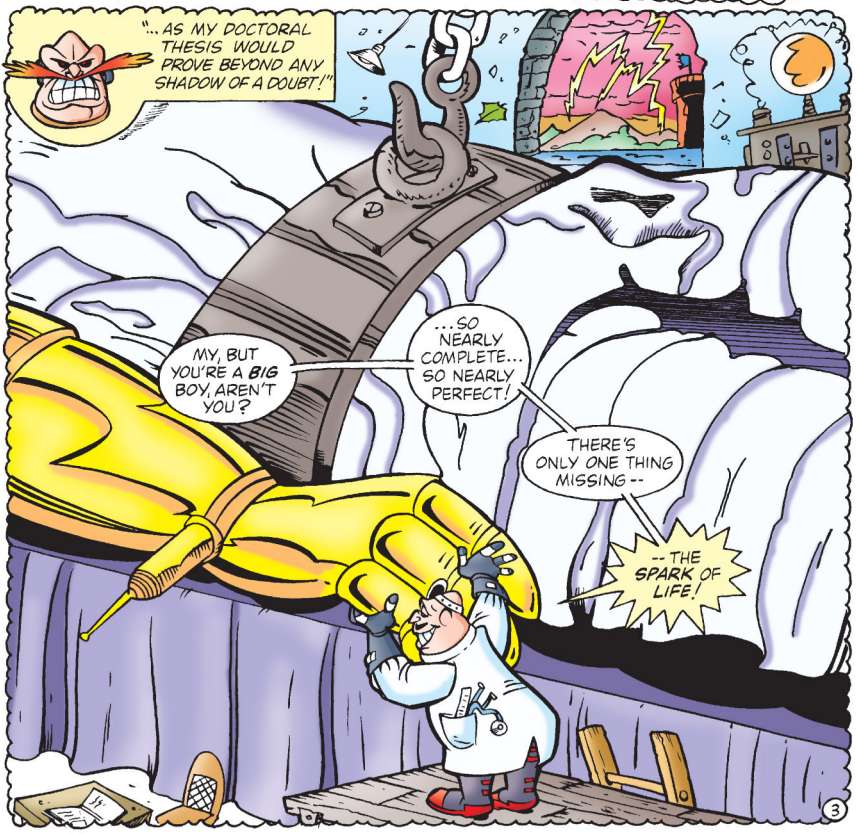

AND PRECISELY WHAT IS OUR HASTILY ASSEMBLED SAFARI IN SEARCH OF, SIR?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, CRABMEAT? WE'RE HUNTING GAME --

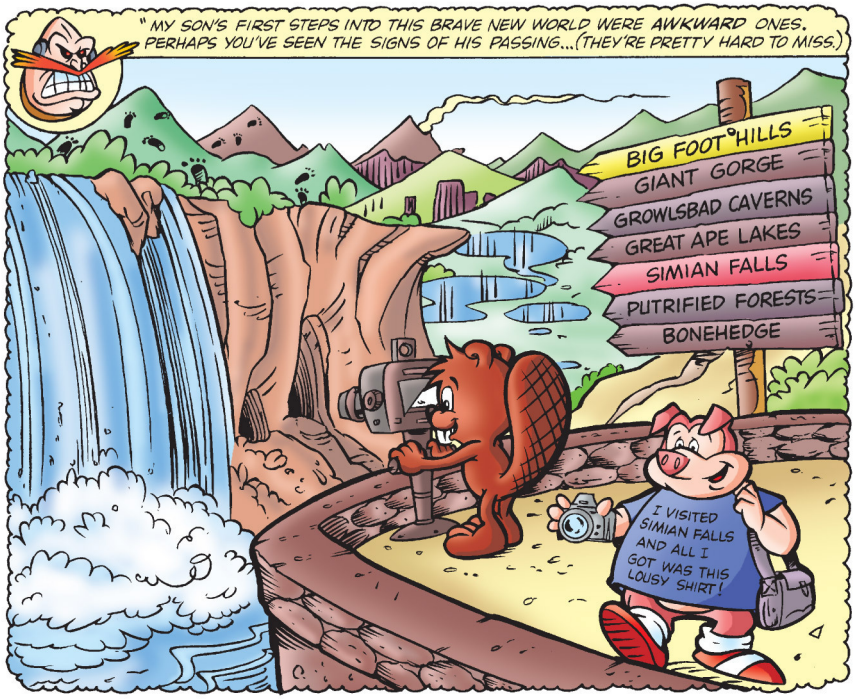

--BIG GAME!
GALLOPIN' GALOSHES!
A GIANT FOOTPRINT!


WHAT KIND OF MONSTER COULD LEAVE SUCH IMPRESSIVE IMPRESSIONS?
THAT'S NO MONSTER, GENTLEMEN! THAT'S MY BOY!
YOUR BOY?!
IT'S A LONG STORY...


"MANY YEARS AGO, BEFORE YOU 'BOTS HAD EVEN BEEN BUILT, I WAS A BOLD, AMBITIOUS GRADUATE STUDENT, GRAPPLING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF THE UNKNOWN!
"A HANDSOME LAD.
"BRILLIANT, TOO...
I. ROBOTNIK


"... AS MY DOCTORAL THESIS WOULD PROVE BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT!"
MY, BUT YOU'RE A BIG BOY, AREN'T YOU?
...SO NEARLY COMPLETE... SO NEARLY PERFECT!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING MISSING --
-- THE SPARK OF LIFE!

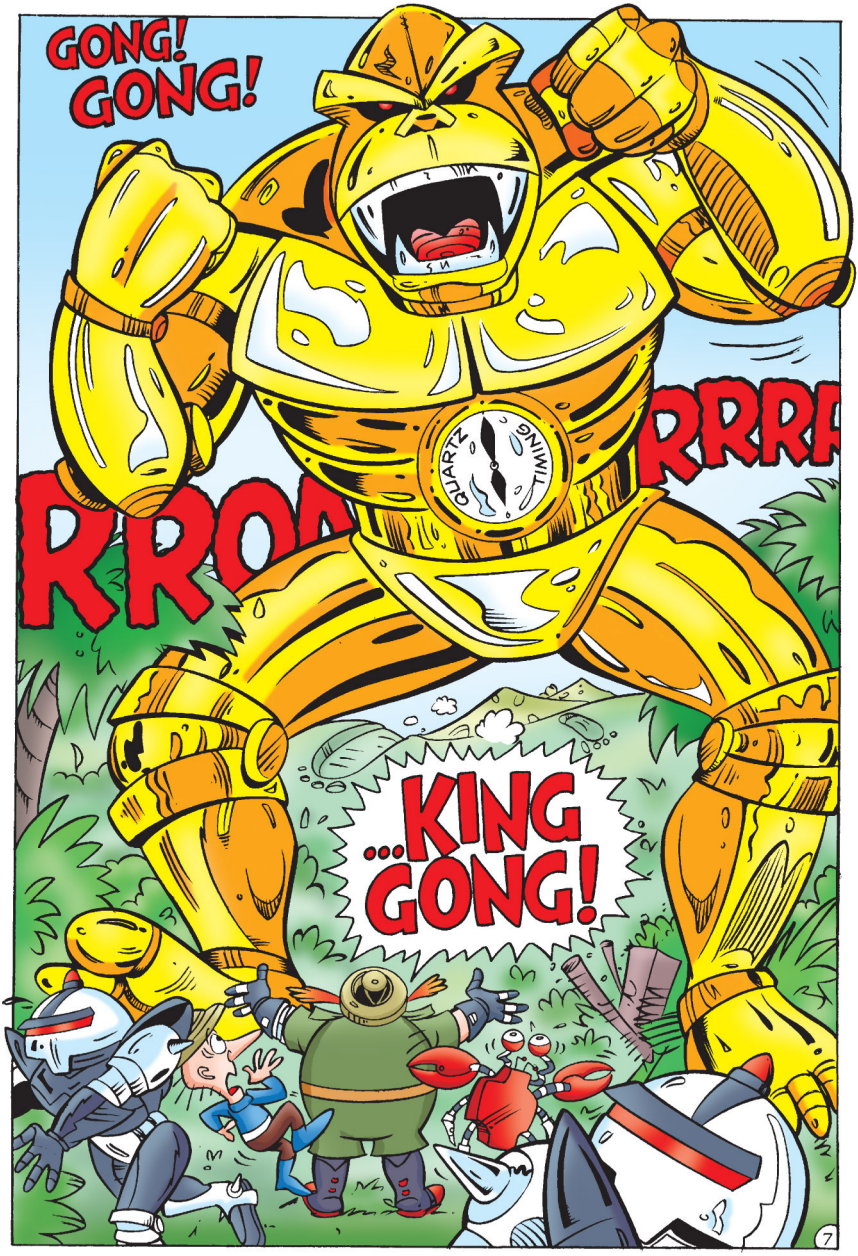
"BUT SPARKS THAT BIG ARE HARD TO COME BY. THEN I WAS STRUCK BY A BURST OF INSPIRATION...
;WHEW; THIS IS TOUGH AND THIRSTY WORK!
WHAT I NEED ARE A FEW MILLION ROBOT MINIONS TO BACK UP MY BRAINS WITH THEIR BRAWN!
"...AND THANKS TO A CONVENIENT ELECTRICAL STORM THAT WAS PASSING THROUGH ON ITS WAY TO HILL VALLEY...
LIFE! GIVE MY CREATION--
--LIFE!
KRA-KOOOM!
"... I GOT MY WISH.
HE'S ALIVE-- ALIVE!
NOW HE CAN DO MY CHORES FOR ME!
"UNFORTUNATELY...
WHOA! DOWN, BOY!
STAY BACK!
KERRUNCH!
ROARR
STAY BACK!
"...MY CREATION HAD OTHER IDEAS."
OH, WELL...
BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD-- AND THE HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOP!

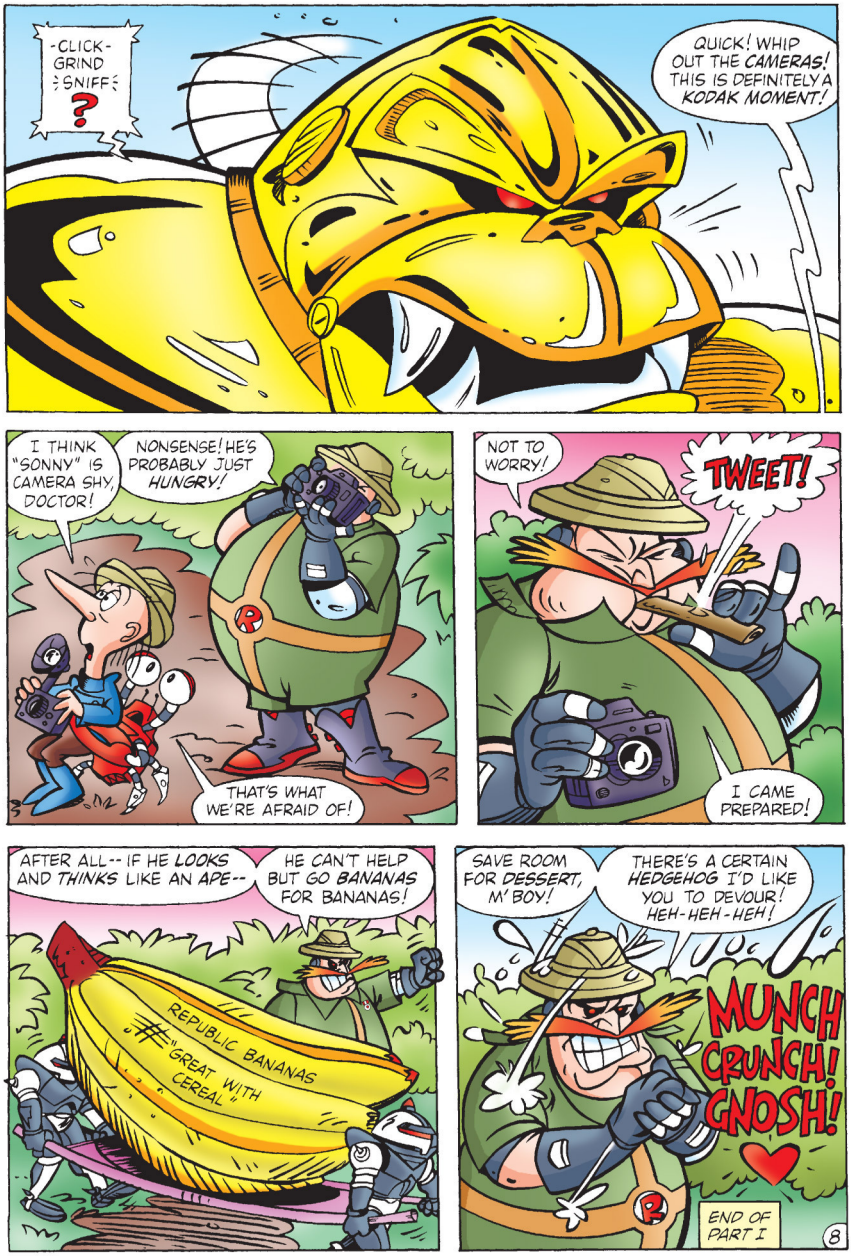

"MY SON'S FIRST STEPS INTO THIS BRAVE NEW WORLD WERE AWKWARD ONES. PERHAPS YOU'VE SEEN THE SIGNS OF HIS PASSING...(THEY'RE PRETTY HARD TO MISS.)
BIG FOOT HILLS
GIANT GORGE
GROWLSBAD CAVERNS
GREAT APE LAKES
SIMIAN FALLS
PUTRIFIED FORESTS
BONEHEDGE
I VISITED SIMIAN FALLS AND ALL I GOT WAS THIS LOUSY SHIRT!

"I SEARCHED LONG AND HARD, HIGH AND LOW, HITHER AND YON--
"--TO NO AVAIL.

"DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS, HE HAD VANISHED INTO THE STUFF OF WHICH LEGENDS ARE MADE--
"--LIVING ON ONLY IN MY HEART."

YOU MEAN...
THAT'S RIGHT, SNIVELY--YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE 'BOT THAT GOT AWAY!
BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THE LUMBERING, MINDLESS BRUTE IS HERE, SIR?
SEE FOR YOURSELVES, GENTLEMEN! ONE PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS--AND I'VE GOT DOZENS!
EYE IN THE SKY SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE PHOTO©
OF COURSE, THERE WERE OTHER CLUES AS TO MY CREATION'S CURRENT LOCATION--
GONG! GONG!
--CLIMATIC SHIFTS--
GONG!
--RISING TIDES--
UH--LOUD NOISES, SIR?
GONG!
THAT RINGING IN MY EARS--IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING--
AN EARTHQUAKE, M'LORD?
NO, YOU FOOL! A FAMILY REUNION!
LOOK! THERE HE IS!
WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
SAY HELLO TO MY LONG-LOST, FIRST-BORN ROBOTIC SON...
GONG!


GONG!
GONG!
QUARTZ
...KING
GONG!


-CLICK-
GRIND
:SNIFF:
?
QUICK! WHIP OUT THE CAMERAS! THIS IS DEFINITELY A KODAK MOMENT!
I THINK "SONNY" IS CAMERA SHY, DOCTOR!
NONSENSE! HE'S PROBABLY JUST HUNGRY!
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE AFRAID OF!
NOT TO WORRY!
TWEET!
I CAME PREPARED!
AFTER ALL-- IF HE LOOKS AND THINKS LIKE AN APE--
HE CAN'T HELP BUT GO BANANAS FOR BANANAS!
REPUBLIC BANANAS
"GREAT WITH CEREAL"
SAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT, M' BOY!
THERE'S A CERTAIN HEDGEHOG I'D LIKE YOU TO DEVOUR! HEH-HEH-HEH!
MUNCH CRUNCH! GNOSH!
END OF PART I
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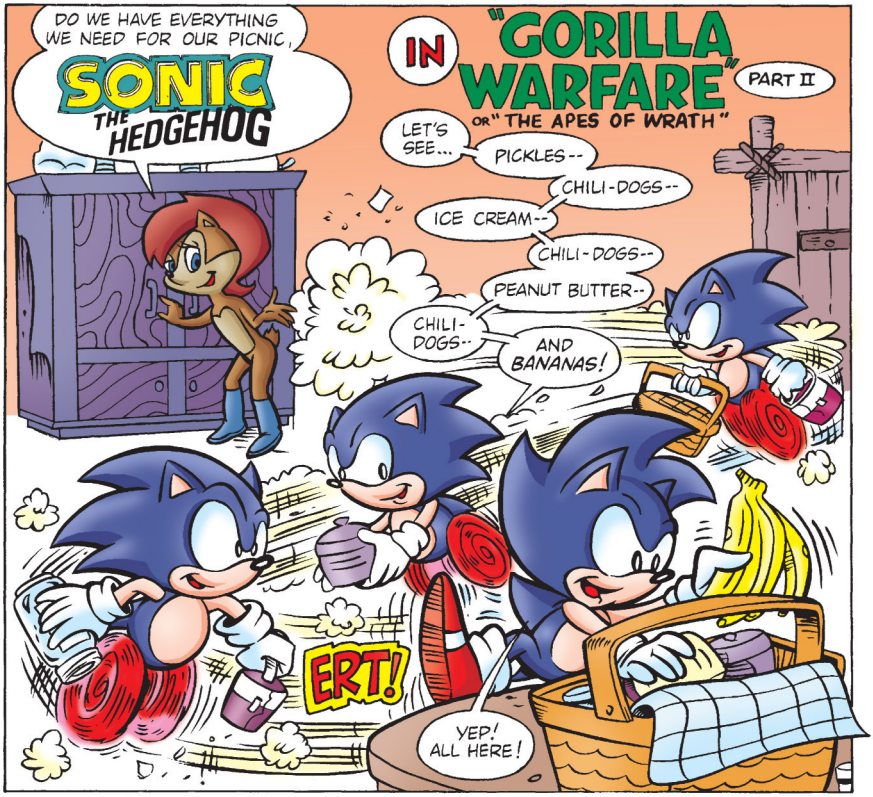
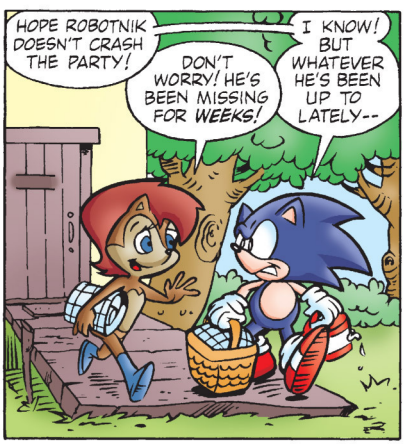
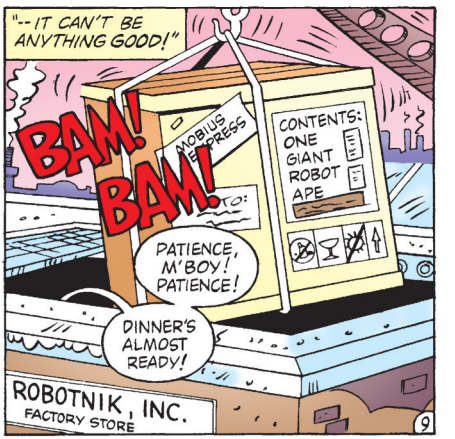

DO WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR OUR PICNIC,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN "GORILLA WARFARE" PART II
OR "THE APES OF WRATH"
LET'S SEE...
PICKLES--
CHILI-DOGS--
ICE CREAM--
CHILI-DOGS--
PEANUT BUTTER--
CHILI-DOGS--
AND BANANAS!
ERT!
YEP! ALL HERE!


HOPE ROBOTNIK DOESN'T CRASH THE PARTY!
DON'T WORRY! HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR WEEKS!
I KNOW! BUT WHATEVER HE'S BEEN UP TO LATELY--


"--IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING GOOD!"
BAM!
BAM!
MOBIUS EXPRESS
TO:
CONTENTS: ONE GIANT ROBOT APE
PATIENCE, M'BOY! PATIENCE!
DINNER'S ALMOST READY!
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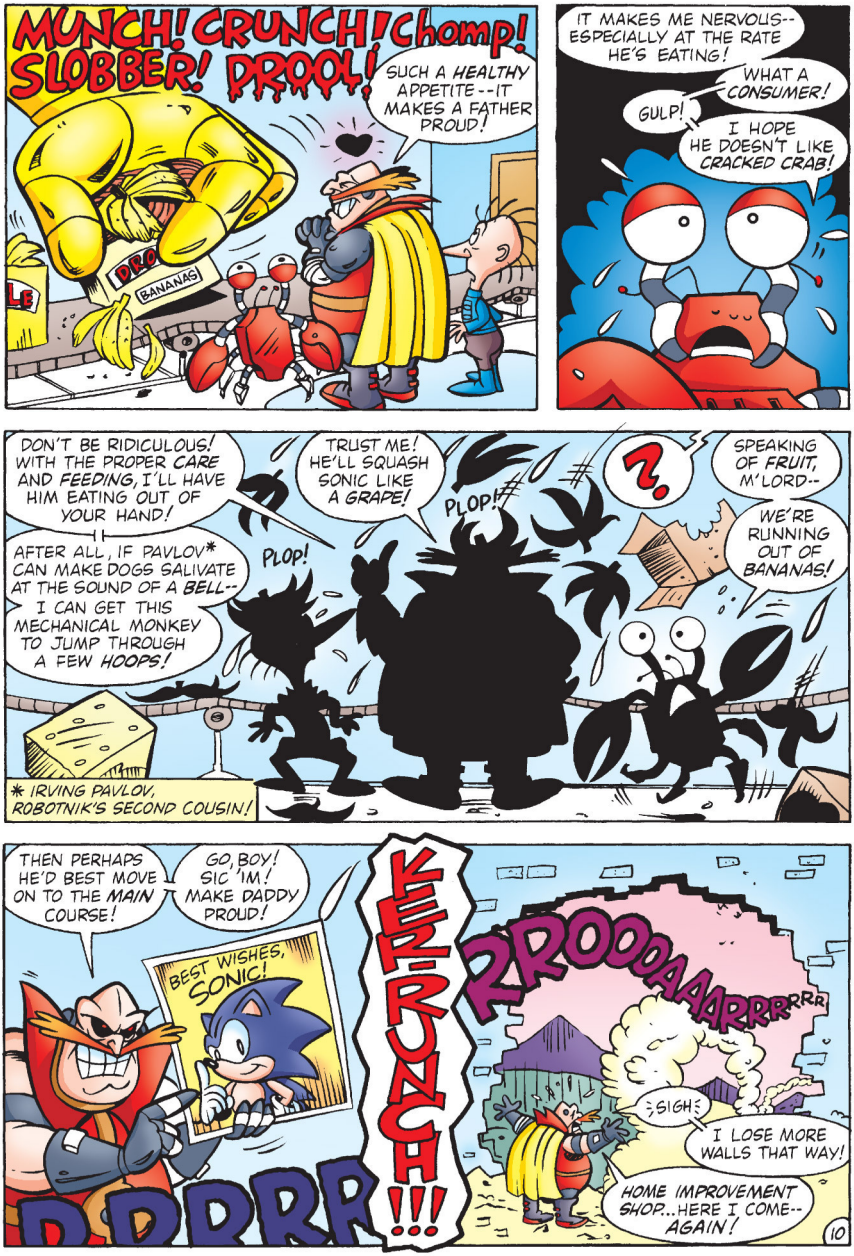
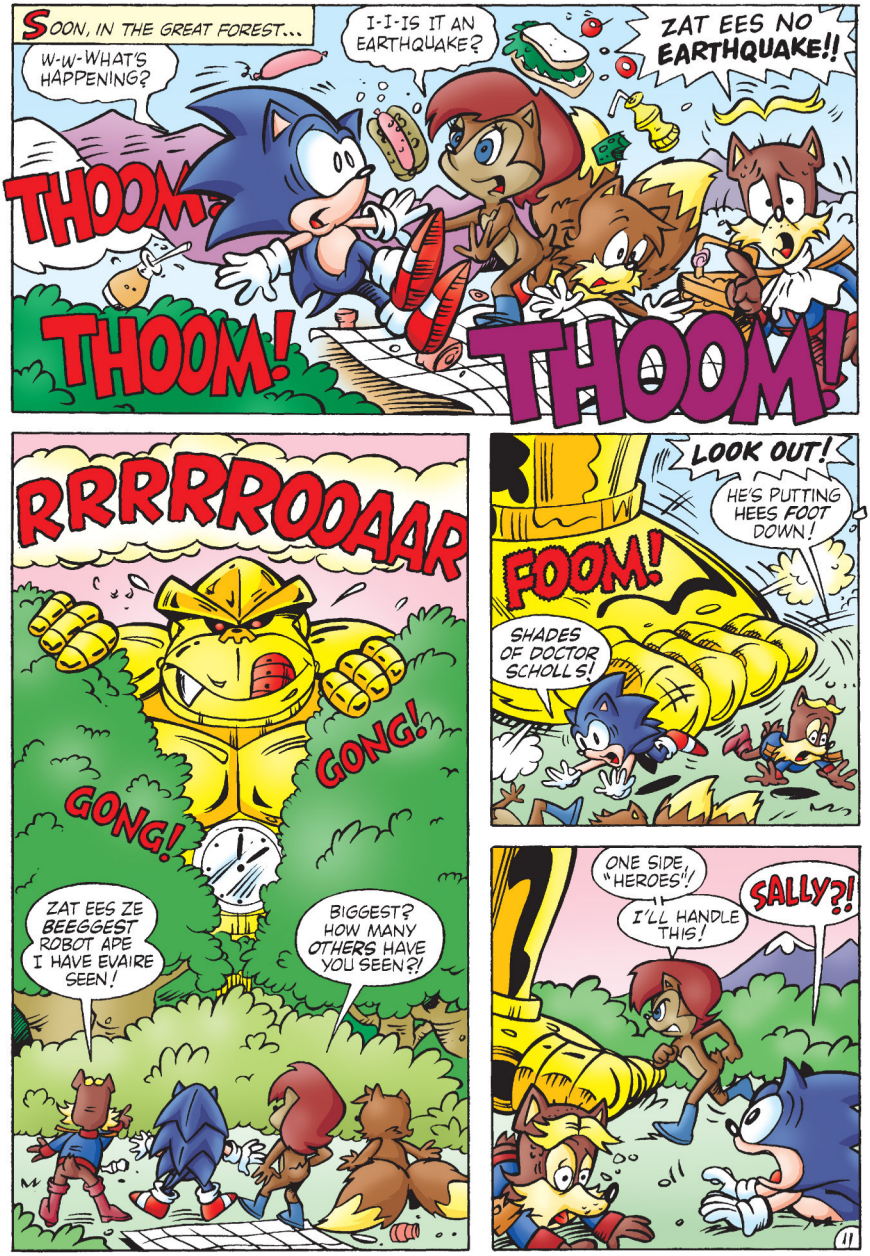
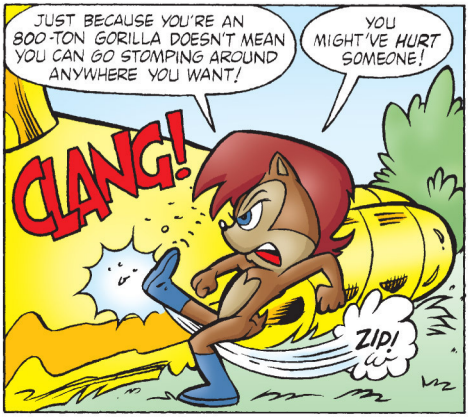
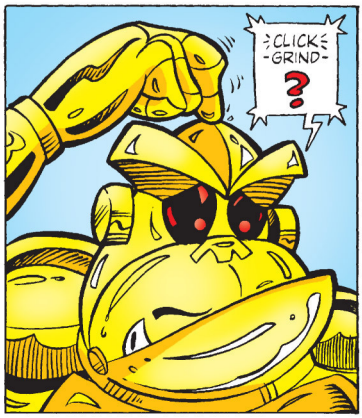

MUNCH! CRUNCH! Chomp!
SLOBBER! DROOL!
SUCH A HEALTHY APPETITE--IT MAKES A FATHER PROUD!
BANANAS!
IT MAKES ME NERVOUS--ESPECIALLY AT THE RATE HE'S EATING!
WHAT A CONSUMER!
GULP!
I HOPE HE DOESN'T LIKE CRACKED CRAB!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! WITH THE PROPER CARE AND FEEDING, I'LL HAVE HIM EATING OUT OF YOUR HAND!
TRUST ME! HE'LL SQUASH SONIC LIKE A GRAPE!
PLOP!
?
SPEAKING OF FRUIT, M'LORD--
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF BANANAS!
AFTER ALL, IF PAVLOV* CAN MAKE DOGS SALIVATE AT THE SOUND OF A BELL--I CAN GET THIS MECHANICAL MONKEY TO JUMP THROUGH A FEW HOOPS!
* IRVING PAVLOV, ROBOTNIK'S SECOND COUSIN!
THEN PERHAPS HE'D BEST MOVE ON TO THE MAIN COURSE!
GO, BOY! SIC 'IM! MAKE DADDY PROUD!
BEST WISHES, SONIC!
KER-RUNCH!!!
RRRRR
RROOOAAARRRRRR
;SIGH;
I LOSE MORE WALLS THAT WAY!
HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOP...HERE I COME--AGAIN!


SOON, IN THE GREAT FOREST...
W-W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I-I-IS IT AN EARTHQUAKE?
ZAT EES NO EARTHQUAKE!!
THOOM!
THOOM!
THOOM!
RRRRROOAAR
GONG!
GONG!
ZAT EES ZE BEEGGEST ROBOT APE I HAVE EVAIRE SEEN!
BIGGEST? HOW MANY OTHERS HAVE YOU SEEN?!
LOOK OUT!
HE'S PUTTING HEES FOOT DOWN!
FOOM!
SHADES OF DOCTOR SCHOLL'S!
ONE SIDE, "HEROES"!
I'LL HANDLE THIS!
SALLY?!


JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AN 800-TON GORILLA DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GO STOMPING AROUND ANYWHERE YOU WANT!
YOU MIGHT'VE HURT SOMEONE!
CLANG!
ZIP!


CLICK
GRIND
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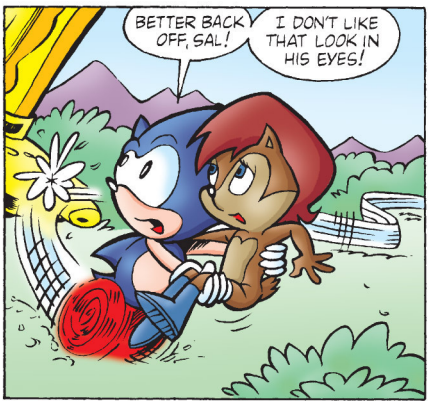
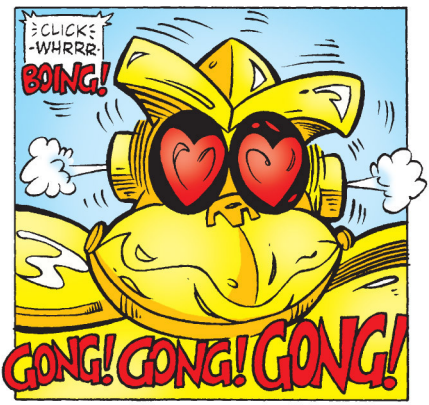
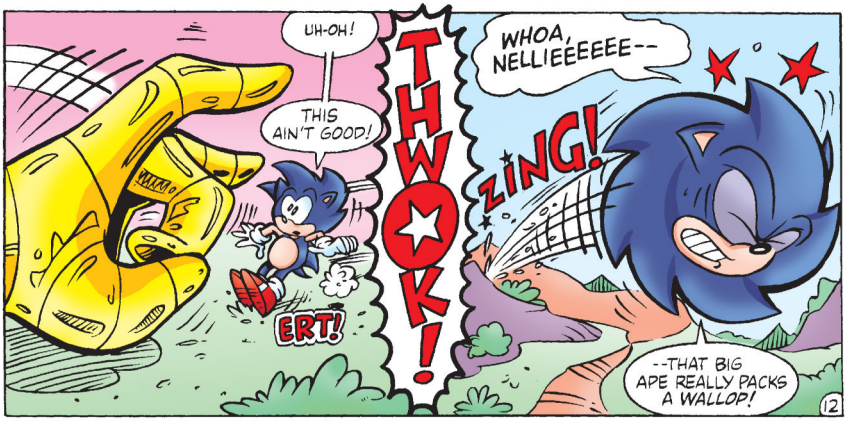
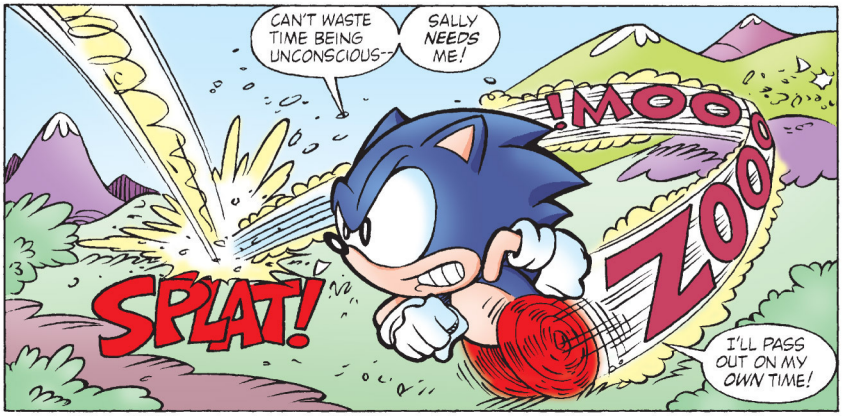
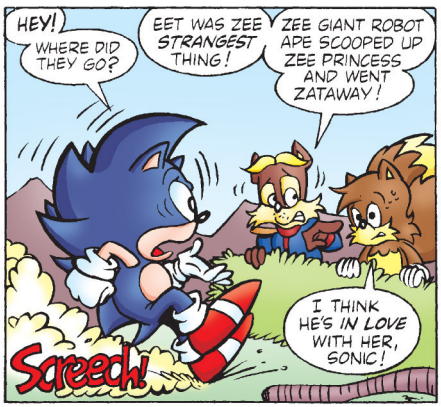

BETTER BACK OFF, SAL!
I DON'T LIKE THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES!

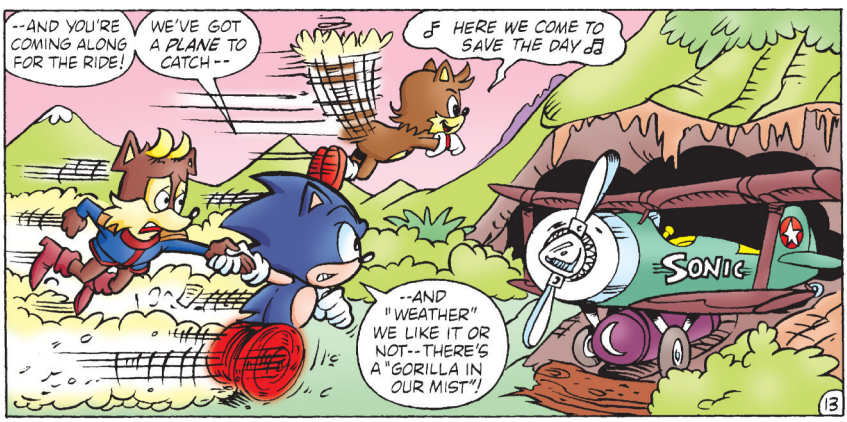

CLICK
WHRRR
BOING!
GONG! GONG! GONG!

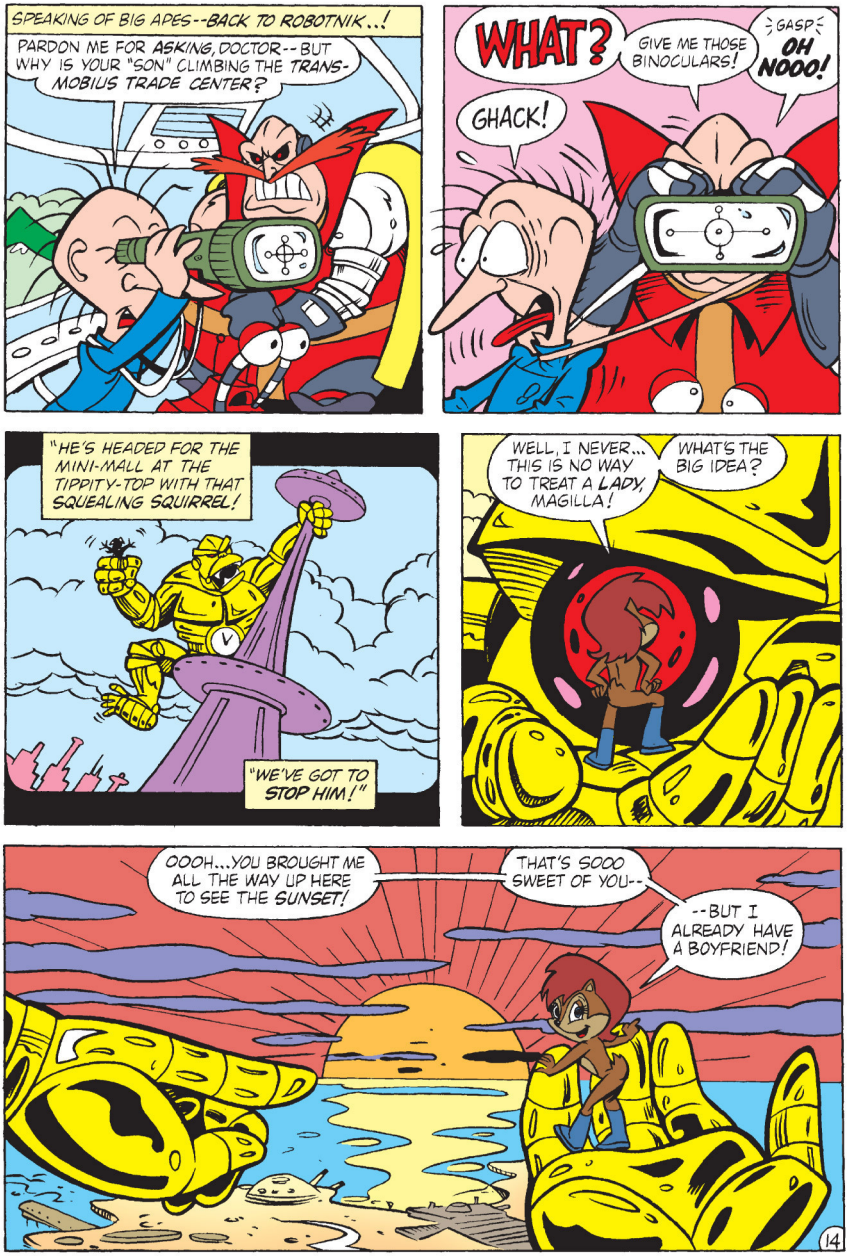

UH-OH!
THIS AIN'T GOOD!
ERT!
THWOK!
WHOA, NELLIEEEEEE--
ZING!
--THAT BIG APE REALLY PACKS A WALLOP!


CAN'T WASTE TIME BEING UNCONSCIOUS--
SALLY NEEDS ME!
SPLAT!
!MOO
ZOOO
I'LL PASS OUT ON MY OWN TIME!


HEY!
WHERE DID THEY GO?
EET WAS ZEE STRANGEST THING!
ZEE GIANT ROBOT APE SCOOPED UP ZEE PRINCESS AND WENT ZATAWAY!
I THINK HE'S IN LOVE WITH HER, SONIC!
Screech!

THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP THAT ARMORED APE?
WHAT ARE YOU? ZE CUCKOO? DID YOU SEE ZE SIZE OF HIM?
SIGH THEN I GUESS WE'D BETTER GET GOING--


--AND YOU'RE COMING ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
WE'VE GOT A PLANE TO CATCH--
HERE WE COME TO SAVE THE DAY
SONIC
--AND "WEATHER" WE LIKE IT OR NOT--THERE'S A "GORILLA IN OUR MIST"!


SPEAKING OF BIG APES--BACK TO ROBOTNIK...!
PARDON ME FOR ASKING, DOCTOR--BUT WHY IS YOUR "SON" CLIMBING THE TRANS-MOBIUS TRADE CENTER?
WHAT?
GIVE ME THOSE BINOCULARS!
:GASP:
OH NOOO!
GHACK!
"HE'S HEADED FOR THE MINI-MALL AT THE TIPPITY-TOP WITH THAT SQUEALING SQUIRREL!
"WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!"
WELL, I NEVER... THIS IS NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY, MAGILLA!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
OOOH...YOU BROUGHT ME ALL THE WAY UP HERE TO SEE THE SUNSET!
THAT'S SOOO SWEET OF YOU--
--BUT I ALREADY HAVE A BOYFRIEND!
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AND SPEAKING OF SONIC...
BOGEY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH! HE'S GOT SALLY, SONIC!
LET'S MOVE IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK!
BANANA OIL RESERVOIR BIO-DEGRADABLE
UH-OH! I THINK HE'S SPOTTED US!
RROAR
RRRRRRRRRRRRRR
THEN I GUESS IT'S TIME I SPIN INTO ACTION!
BOING!
BOMBS AWAY!
ZING!
KLONG!
UNH!
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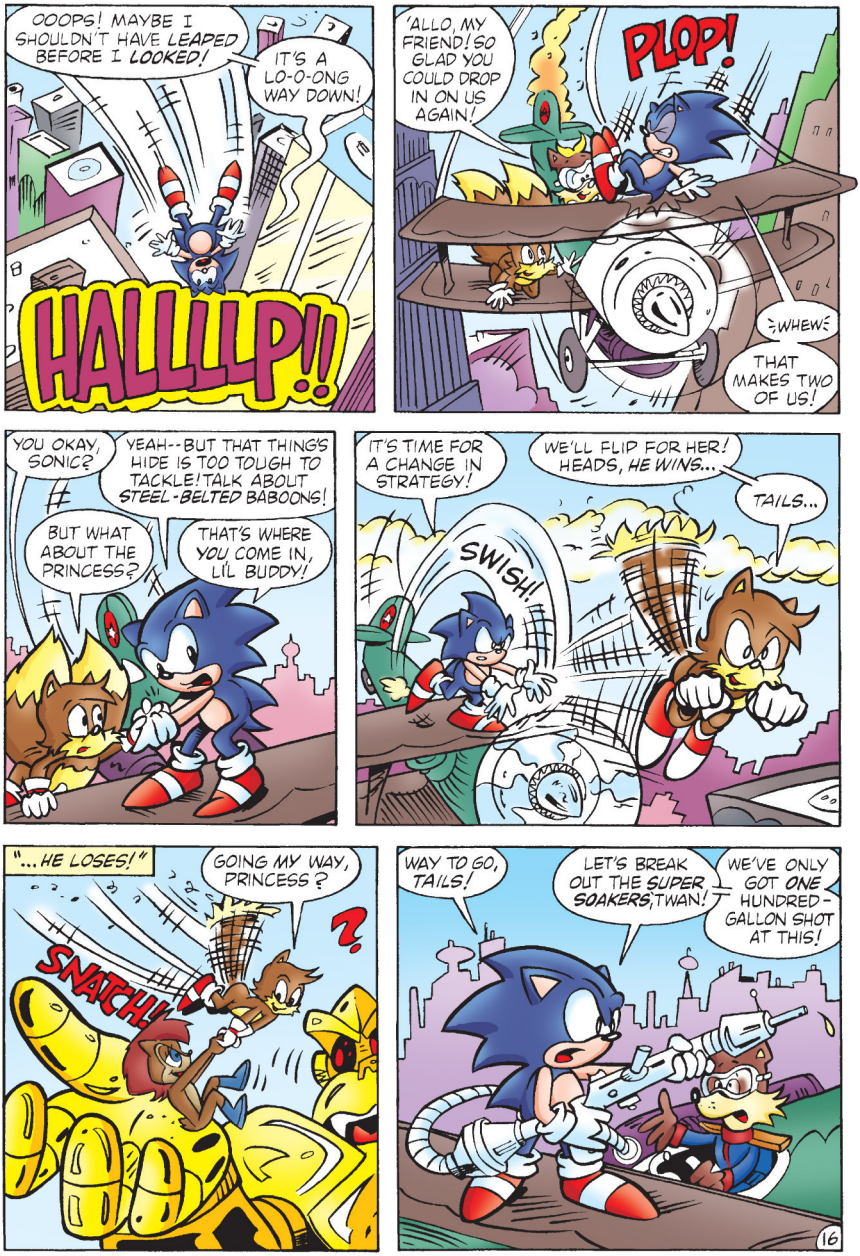
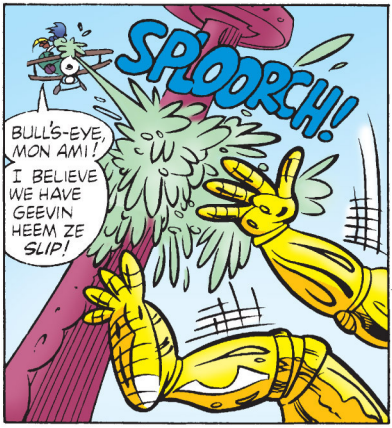
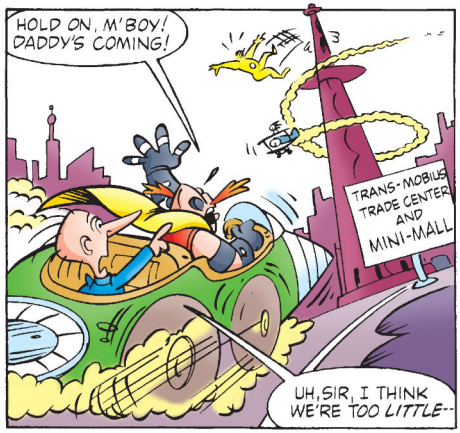
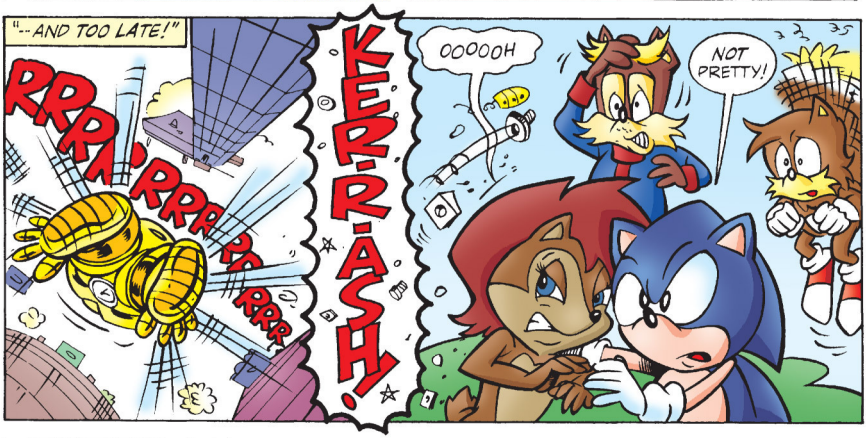
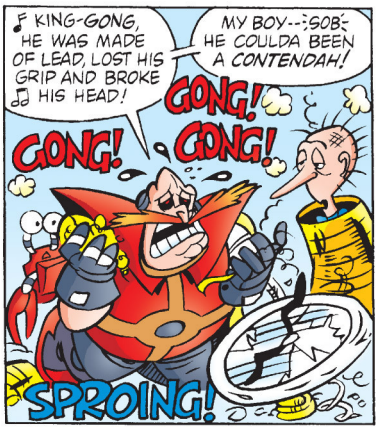
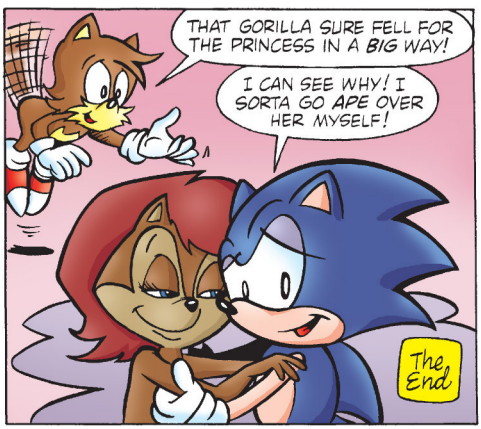

OOOPS! MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEAPED BEFORE I LOOKED!
IT'S A LO-O-ONG WAY DOWN!
HALLLLP!!
'ALLO, MY FRIEND! SO GLAD YOU COULD DROP IN ON US AGAIN!
PLOP!
WHEW!
THAT MAKES TWO OF US!
YOU OKAY, SONIC?
YEAH--BUT THAT THING'S HIDE IS TOO TOUGH TO TACKLE! TALK ABOUT STEEL-BELTED BABOONS!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PRINCESS?
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, LI'L BUDDY!
IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN STRATEGY!
WE'LL FLIP FOR HER! HEADS, HE WINS...
TAILS...
SWISH!!
"...HE LOSES!"
GOING MY WAY, PRINCESS?
SNATCH!
?
WAY TO GO, TAILS!
LET'S BREAK OUT THE SUPER SOAKERS, TWAN!
WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE HUNDRED-GALLON SHOT AT THIS!

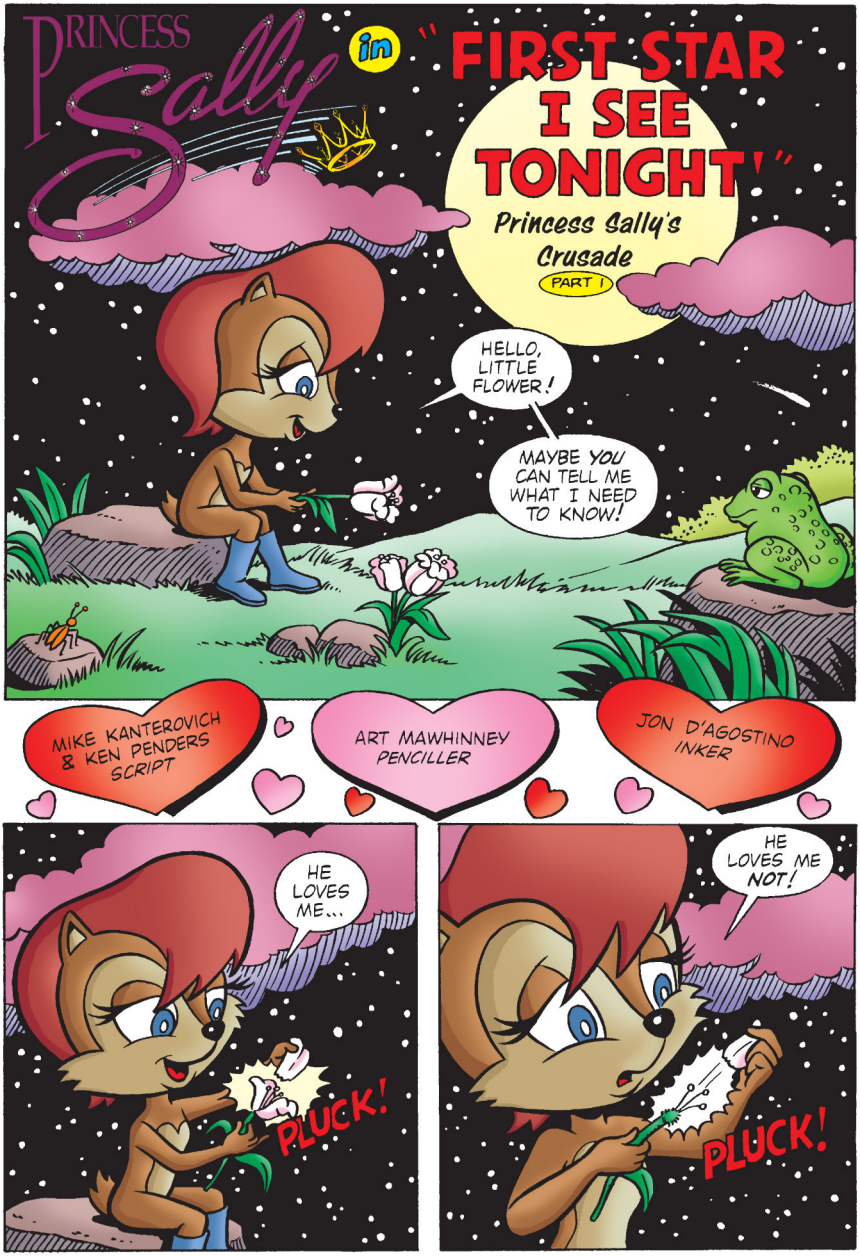

SPLOORCH!
BULL'S-EYE, MON AMI! I BELIEVE WE HAVE GEEVIN HEEM ZE SLIP!

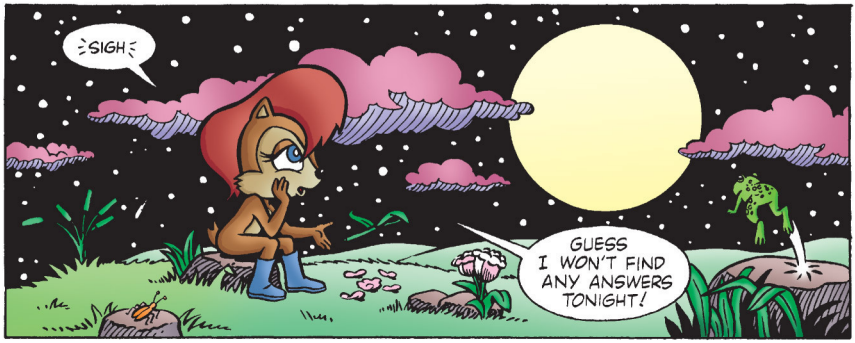

HOLD ON, M'BOY! DADDY'S COMING!
TRANS-MOBIUS TRADE CENTER AND MINI-MALL
UH, SIR, I THINK WE'RE TOO LITTLE--


"--AND TOO LATE!"
RRRRRRRRRRRR
KER-R-ASH!
OOOOOH
NOT PRETTY!

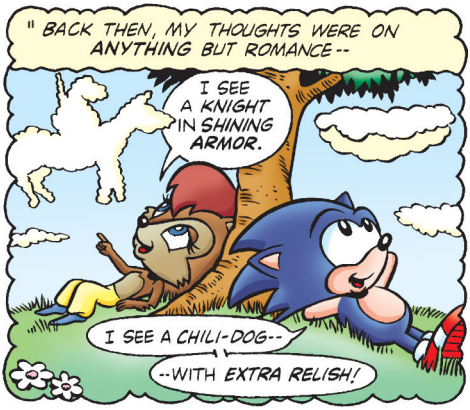

KING-GONG, HE WAS MADE OF LEAD, LOST HIS GRIP AND BROKE HIS HEAD!
MY BOY--:SOB: HE COULDA BEEN A CONTENDAH!
GONG!
GONG!
GONG!
SPROING!


THAT GORILLA SURE FELL FOR THE PRINCESS IN A BIG WAY!
I CAN SEE WHY! I SORTA GO APE OVER HER MYSELF!
The End


PRINCESS Sally
in
"FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT!"
Princess Sally's Crusade
PART I
HELLO, LITTLE FLOWER!
MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW!
MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS SCRIPT
ART MAWHINNEY PENCILLER
JON D'AGOSTINO INKER
HE LOVES ME...
PLUCK!
HE LOVES ME NOT!
PLUCK!


:SIGH:
GUESS I WON'T FIND ANY ANSWERS TONIGHT!

THINGS SEEMED MUCH LESS COMPLICATED WHEN I WAS YOUNG!


"BACK THEN, MY THOUGHTS WERE ON ANYTHING BUT ROMANCE--
I SEE A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR.
I SEE A CHILI-DOG--
--WITH EXTRA RELISH!

"FUN WAS FUN, BUT MY DUTIES AS PRINCESS ALWAYS CAME FIRST!
"SINCE BIRTH I HAD BEEN GROOMED TO ONE DAY TAKE MY PLACE UPON THE THRONE--
" LITTLE DID I SUSPECT--
"--HOW SOON THAT DAY WOULD COME.

"ALMOST OVERNIGHT, MY FATHER HAD VANISHED AND ROBOTNIK APPEARED, SPREADING HIS UNIQUE BRAND OF TYRANNY ACROSS THE LAND."
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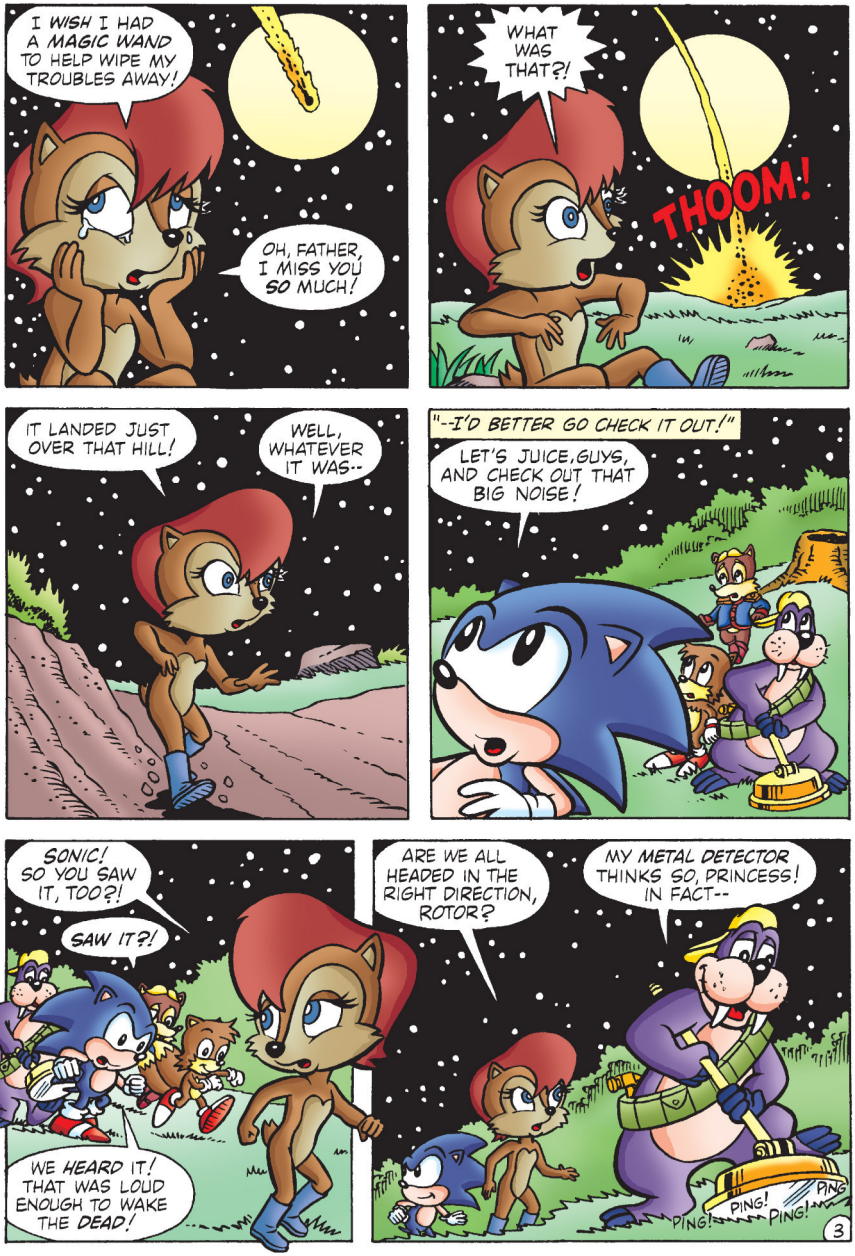
I WISH I HAD A MAGIC WAND TO HELP WIPE MY TROUBLES AWAY!
OH, FATHER, I MISS YOU SO MUCH!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
THOOM!
IT LANDED JUST OVER THAT HILL!
WELL, WHATEVER IT WAS--
"--I'D BETTER GO CHECK IT OUT!"
LET'S JUICE, GUYS, AND CHECK OUT THAT BIG NOISE!
SONIC! SO YOU SAW IT, TOO?!
SAW IT?!
WE HEARD IT! THAT WAS LOUD ENOUGH TO WAKE THE DEAD!
ARE WE ALL HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, ROTOR?
MY METAL DETECTOR THINKS SO, PRINCESS! IN FACT--
PING!
PING!
PING!
PING
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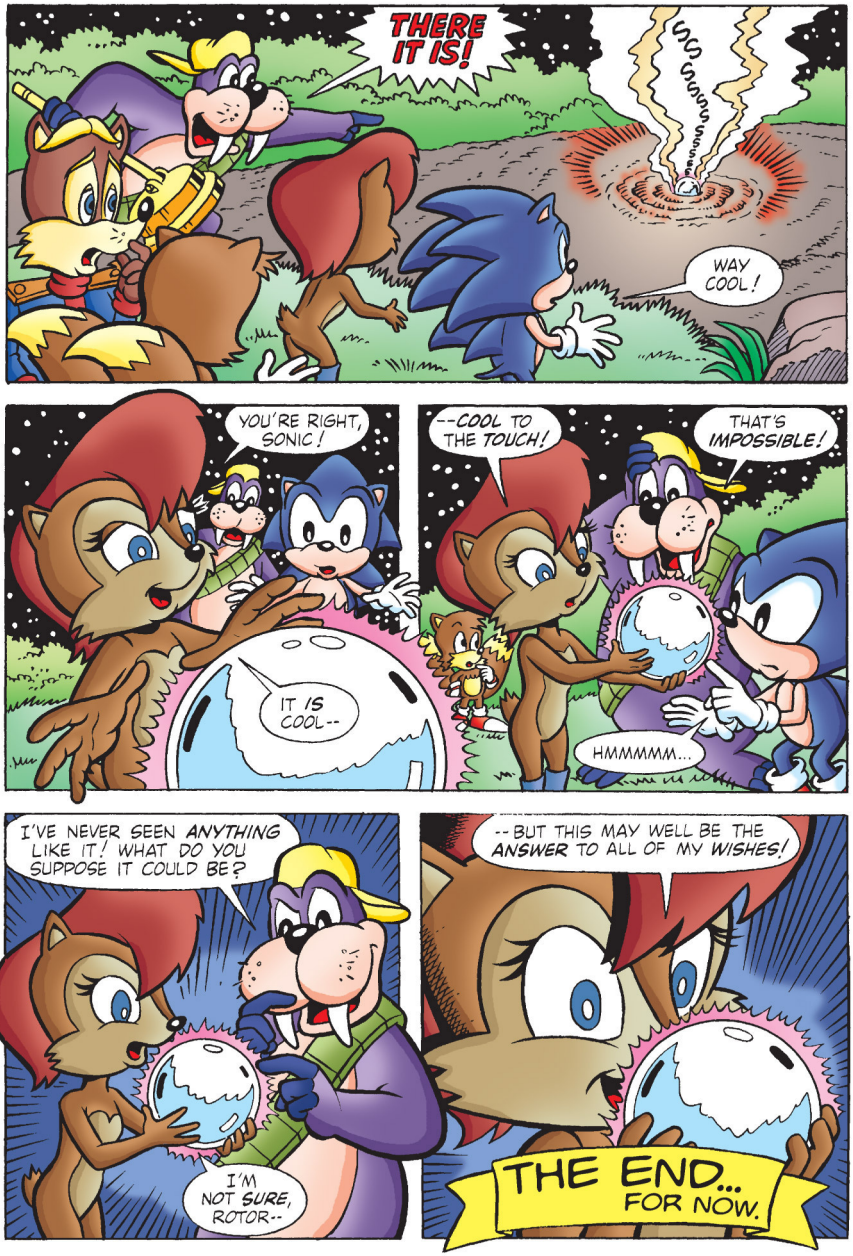
THERE IT IS!
WAY COOL!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC!
IT IS COOL--
--COOL TO THE TOUCH!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
HMMMMMM...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT COULD BE?
I'M NOT SURE, ROTOR--
--BUT THIS MAY WELL BE THE ANSWER TO ALL OF MY WISHES!
THE END... FOR NOW.